

EXHIBIT A



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Re: New U.S. Patent Application  
For: MODIFICATION TO RECONFIGURABLE FUNCTIONAL UNIT IN A RECON-  
FIGURABLE CHIP TO PERFORM LINEAR FEEDBACK SHIFT REGISTER FUNCTION  
Inventor(s): Peter S. Lam  
Our Docket No.: 032001-060

Dear Peter:

Enclosed is a final draft of an application for the above-referenced invention, together with informal drawings. Please review this draft and, if you find it to be complete and accurate, please sign the enclosed Assignment and Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney papers and return to me with the application as soon as possible. Please sign and date the formal papers using blue ink.

As a final matter, please note that the patent laws impose a continuing duty of disclosure, wherein anyone substantively involved with the application is required to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office any material relevant to the examination of the application of which he or she is aware. Accordingly, should you now be or in the future become aware of any such material, please bring this to our attention so that we may timely submit it to the Patent and Trademark Office

Sincerely,

Joseph P. O'Malley

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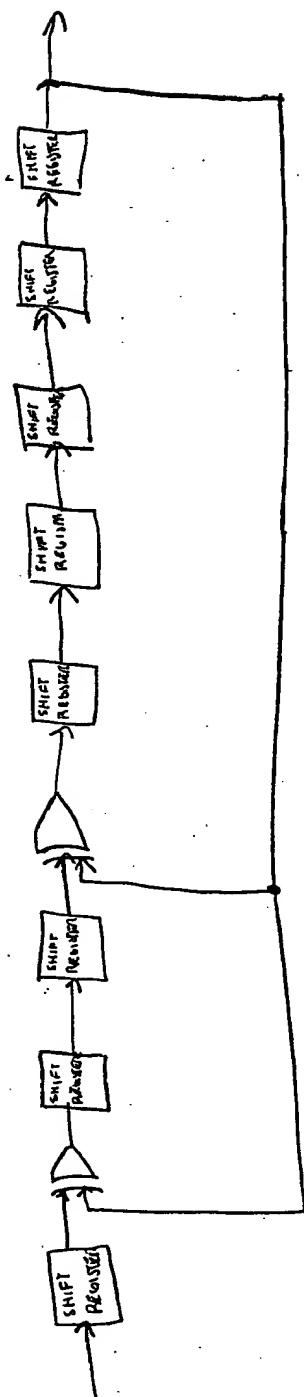


FIGURE 1-  
(PRIOR ART)

# RE CONFIGURABLE FUNCTIONAL UNIT

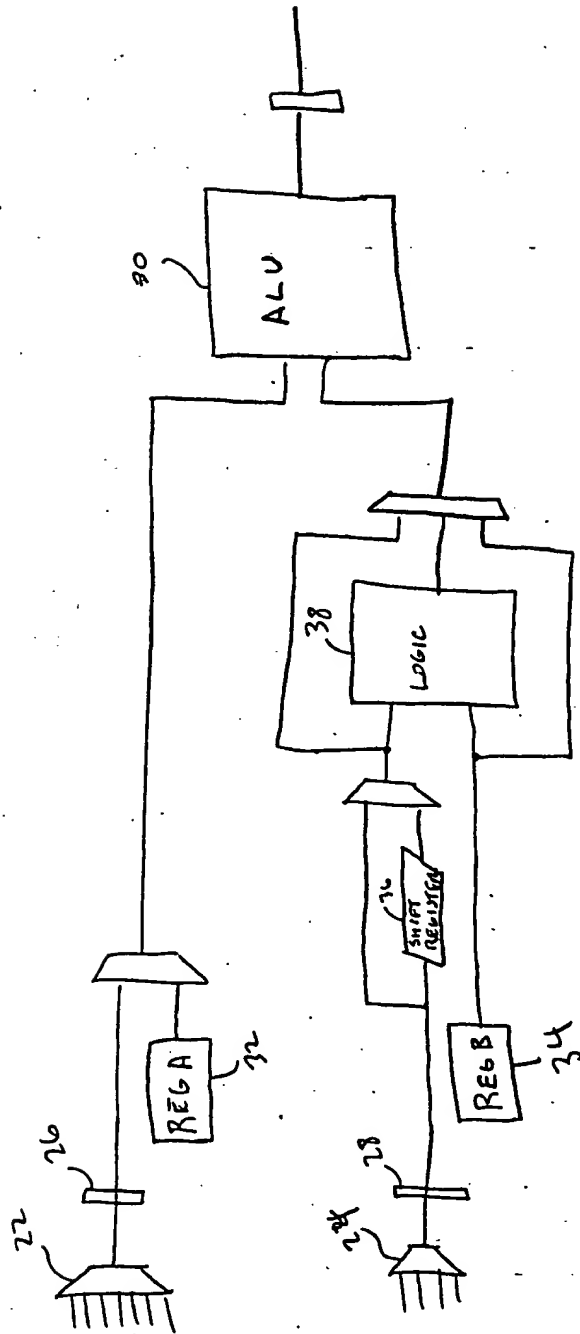


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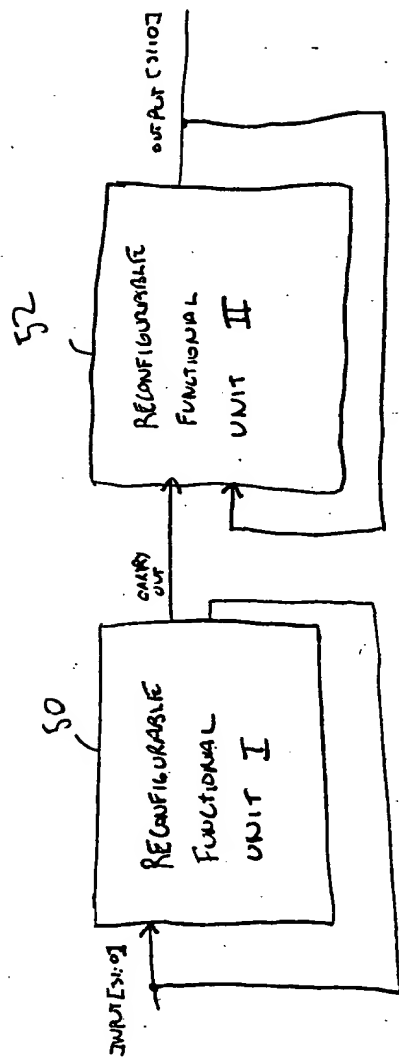


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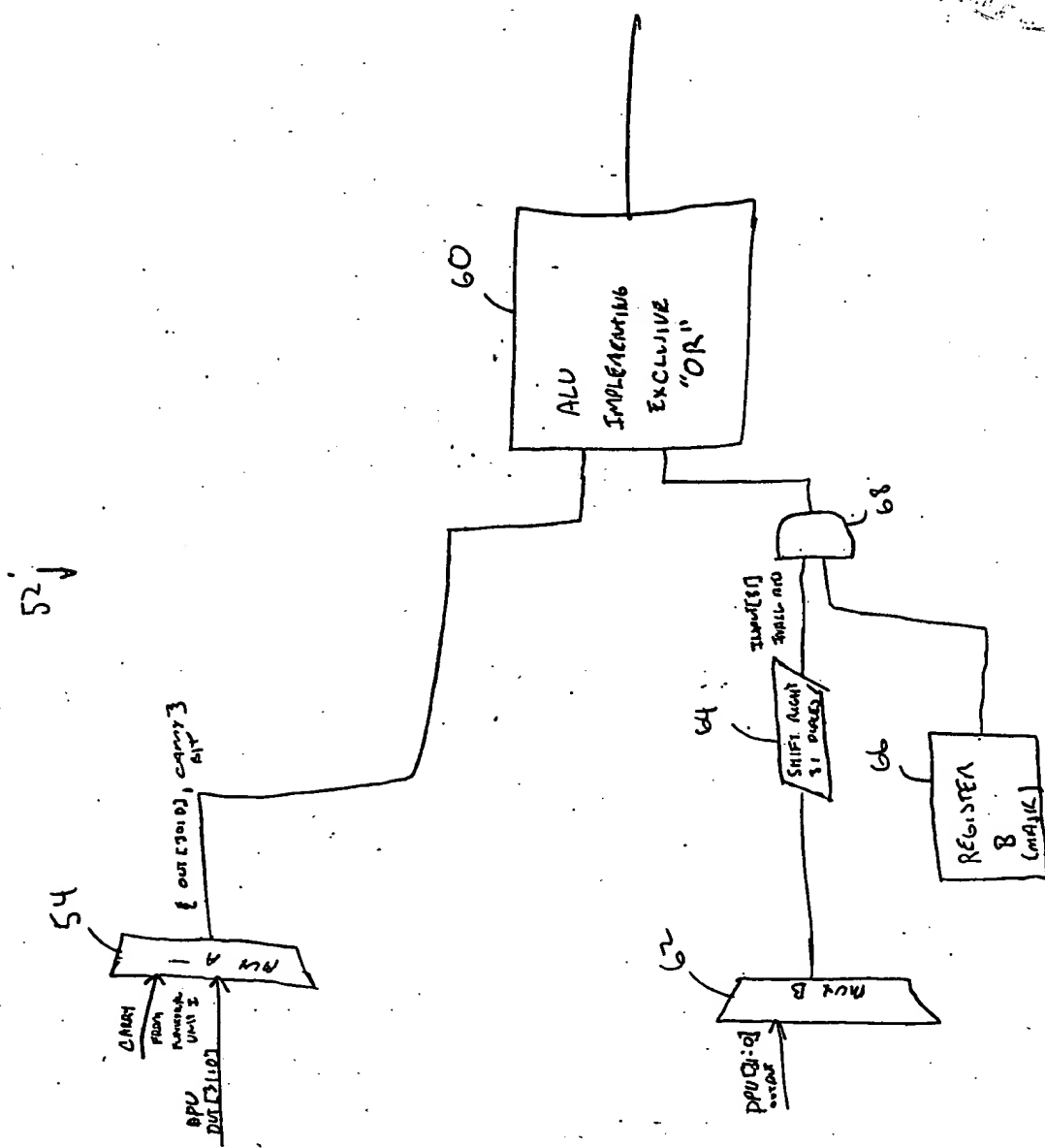


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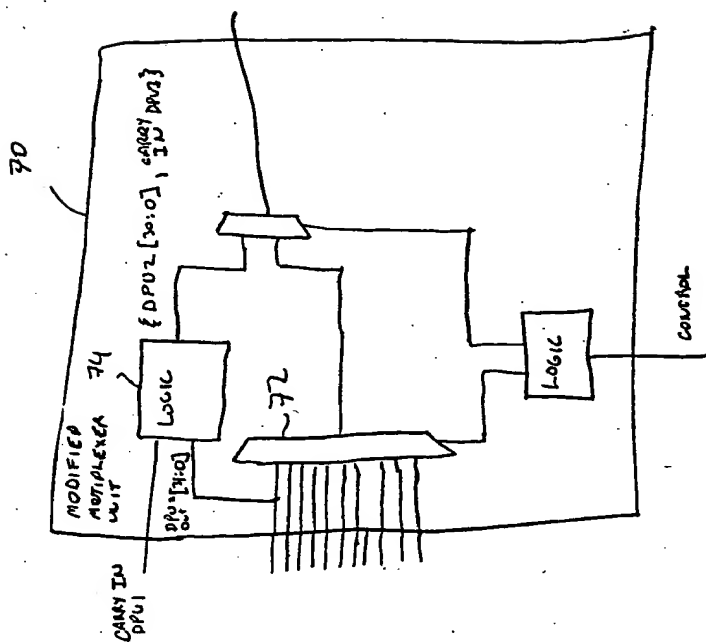


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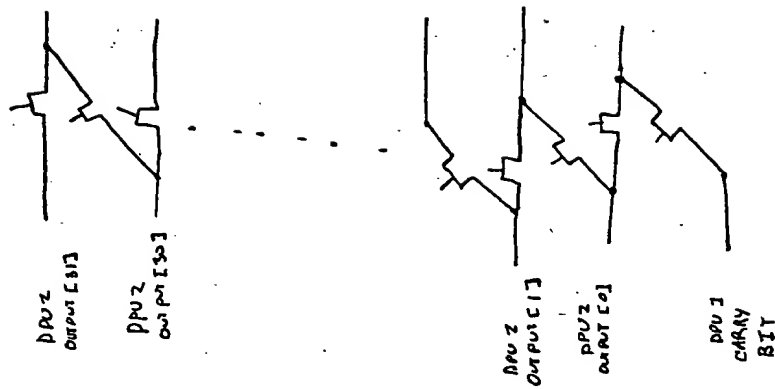


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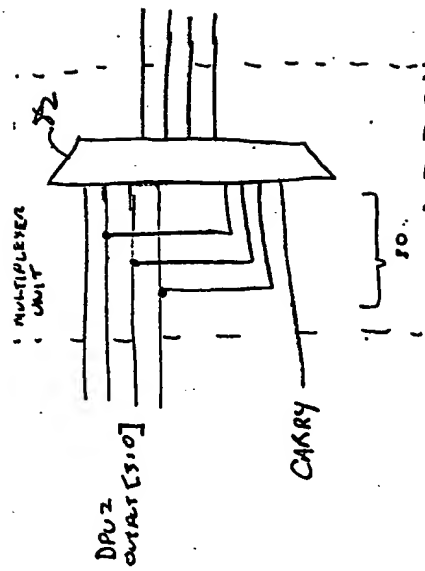


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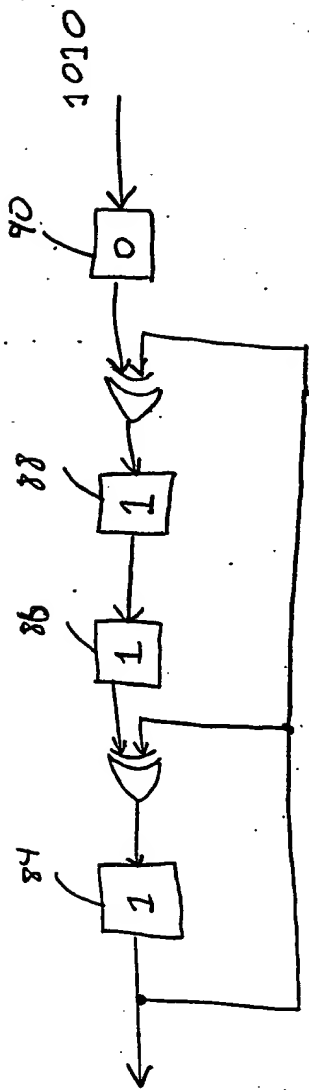


FIGURE 8A

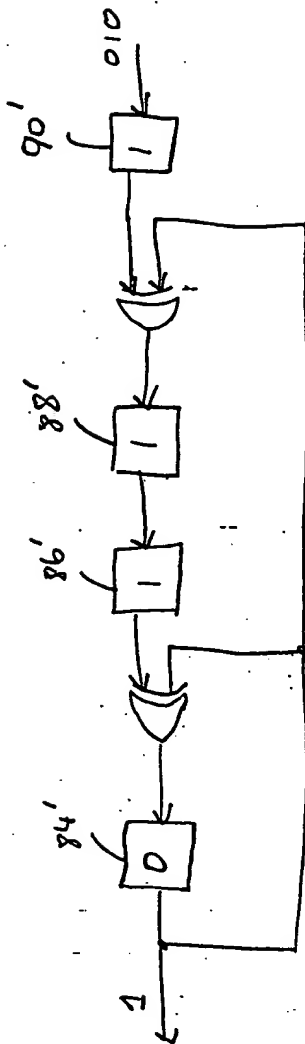


FIGURE 8B

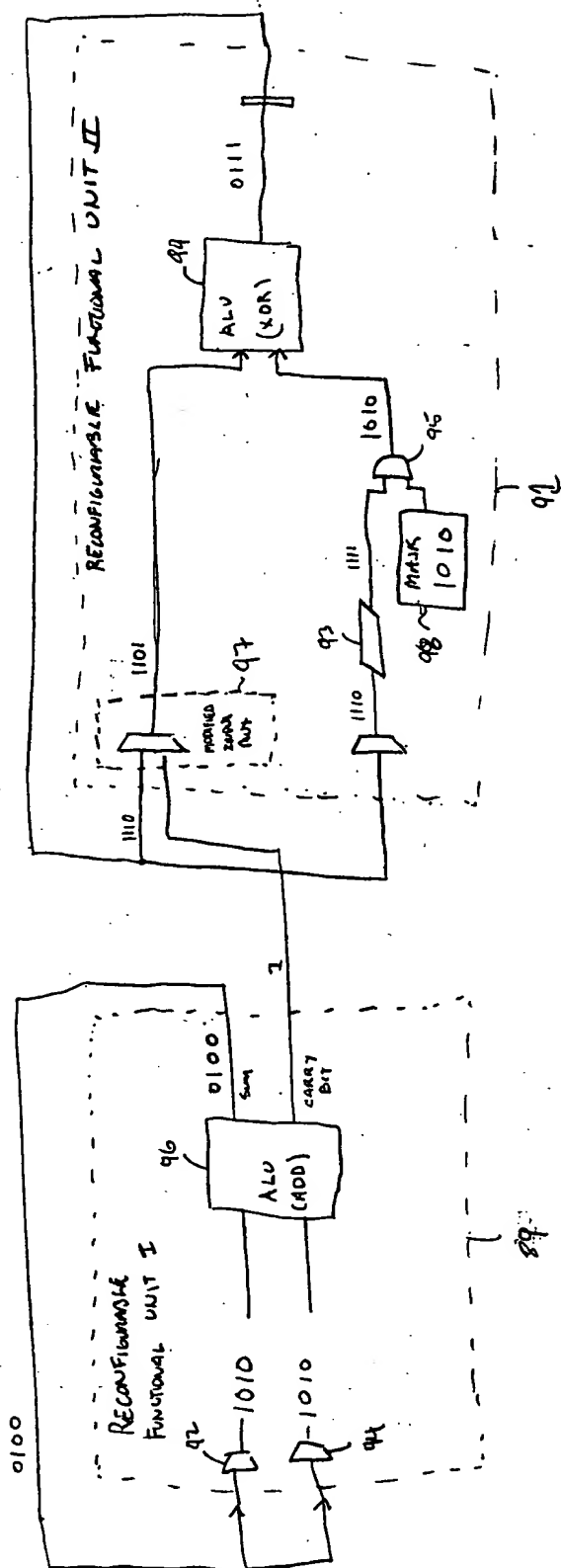


FIGURE 9